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Park Youth Theater Program

Historical figures Kirk Boott, Anna Whistler and Lucy Larcom once again walk the cobblestone streets of Lowell. Members of the Youth Theater Program bring these 19th-century characters to life under the aegis of the “Spindle City Corps,” a partnership between Lowell National Historical Park and Community Teamwork, Inc. Don’t miss your opportunity to interact with these talented students presenting interpretive programming. Ask a ranger for performance details.

Lowell National Historical Park is leading the charge in providing opportunities for youths to explore career opportunities in the

National Park Service. Located in the heart of a diverse city, the Park is a prime location to serve today’s youth. The historic Merrimack Canal and the Park trolley line pass through the Lowell High School campus. Listen as you travel the grounds and you may hear one of the over 30 languages spoken by the 4,000 students enrolled at Lowell High School.

One of the many facets of the urban cultural park envisioned by our founders is that Lowell National Historical Park reflects a “living laboratory” dedicated to exploring the social, cultural and economic lives of the people of Lowell.

Members of the Youth Theater Program in period costume.

An important manifestation of this vision is the preservation and celebration of the many immigrant cultures of Lowell. This includes their homes, churches and social clubs; which continue to function as an outward expressions of Lowell’s multi-cultural society.

We are dedicated to serving another part of that culture, perhaps the most important piece, the youth. They are the teachers and the leaders both for today and for our future. We look to them to show us the way.

Amy Glowacki, Park Ranger

Most Popular Attractions

- Boott Cotton Mills Museum
- Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit
- Canal & River Boat Tours
- Historic Trolley Tours
- The River Transformed Exhibit

Become a Junior Ranger

Ask any Ranger at the Visitor Center or the Boott Mill for a Junior Ranger Activity Book. Earn a badge and certificate.



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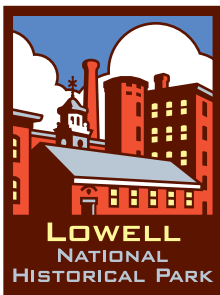
Ranger Recommended Activities

- Attend a guided ranger tour. Offered daily.
- Tour the canals or Merrimack River by boat.
- Visit the working 1920's weave room in the Boott Cotton Mills Museum. Talk to weavers, park rangers, and tour the museum exhibits.
- Explore the Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit. Step into the world and life of a Lowell mill girl at the boardinghouse.
- Watch the films at the Visitor Center and the Boott Cotton Mills Museum.
- Experience downtown Lowell's numerous art galleries, restaurants, and museums. Stroll along the Riverwalk and the Canalway.
- Ride the historic 1920's trolley around town.

Lowell National Historical Park

The creation of Lowell National Historical Park in 1978 acknowledged Lowell's significant contribution to the American industrial revolution. Lowell's culture, environment, and historic manufacturing economy are unique and influential pieces of our national heritage which ultimately changed American life. 19th century Lowell ushered in a new era of technical innovation in textile manufacturing, gave rise to the modern corporation, and developed one of America's earliest urban working classes. Today, the Park is quite literally woven into the modern City of Lowell – a testament to the high integrity of Lowell's historic and cultural landscape.

The National Park Service preserves Lowell's groundbreaking history while simultaneously contributing to the current and future success of Lowell. The National Park Service preserves nationally important places such as the Statue of Liberty, Yellowstone, and Lowell for the enjoyment of current and future generations.



The City's recent preservation and economic renaissance has created a vibrant downtown, within a unique historical setting which presents numerous options for visitors to Lowell. The energetic pulse of the City is enhanced by Lowell's current array of diverse restaurants, shops, and cultural offerings. An exploration of the City and its cultural amenities provides a deeper understanding of Lowell's distinct heritage.

Information & Reservations

For information on guided tours, programs, facilities, and special events please stop by the Visitor Center at 246 Market Street. A summary of park tours, hours and programming is available on pages 5-6. More information at www.nps.gov/lowe or call (978) 970-5000.

All tours begin at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather — tours take place rain or shine. (Groups: Please call for advance reservations.)



Ride Lowell's historic trolleys to various park destinations, including: the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Visitor Center, and the Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit.

Accessibility

Wheelchair accessible buildings within the Park include the Visitor Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit, Mogan Cultural Center, Moody Street Feeder Gatehouse, and the Wannalancit Mill. Curb-side drop off and ramp available at the Visitor Center (Market Street at Shattuck). Printed narrations of select audiovisual programs are available upon request.

Park programs, including boat tours, are partially accessible to visitors with mobility impairments. Lowell National Historical Park's boats and trolleys are accessible to wheelchair users (one secure chair space per vehicle). When making reservations for programs including a boat or trolley component, please inform us if your party will include a wheelchair.

A Place Like No Other

The story of Lowell is a powerful experience within a landscape that has much to offer. The revolutionary thinking that took place in the 19th century continues into the 21st century. The creation of this national park is one of those revolutionary ideas that was spawned with great public enthusiasm. Here we tell the stories of innovation in technology and engineering and of people who came from far-away lands looking to make a better life for themselves and their families.

Today, we offer opportunities to experience Lowell in exciting ways. Ride the rails on the historic replica trolleys, cruise the canals aboard one of our four tour boats, or walk along the Riverwalk or Canalway to one of many museums and historic sites within the Park. The evenings are filled with the sounds of music as we celebrate our 20th anniversary of the Lowell Summer Music Series at Boarding House Park. The Lowell Folk Festival is the main event in July as over 100,000 people come to Lowell and the Park to celebrate traditional music, ethnic foods and crafts.

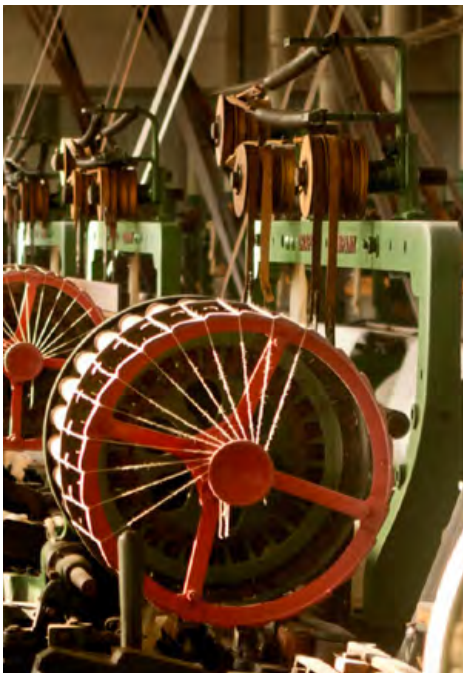
Welcome! We look forward to hosting your trip to Lowell National Historical Park.

Michael Creasey
Superintendent

Exhibits



Lowell NHP Visitor Center



Boott Cotton Mills Museum



Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit



Moody Street Feeder Gatehouse

Visitor Center

Begin your visit at Market Mills, the former Bigelow Carpet Company complex, one of the city’s original textile mills.

At the Visitor Center, you can plan your exploration of the major park sites and the city’s rich industrial past. Make reservations for park tours and other programs, sign up for our Junior Ranger program, and shop in the museum store. General information on area lodging and dining is also available. *246 Market Street. Free.*

Visitor Center Films

Lowell: The Industrial Revelation, an award-winning film presentation, introduces visitors to the story of how people, technology, and capital came together to revolutionize textile production—and a way of life—in Lowell and other American cities. Also shown is *Lowell Blues*, a film by Henry Ferrini about author Jack Kerouac and his native city. *Free.*

Boott Cotton Mills Museum

Don’t miss the roar of a 1920s weave room with operating power looms! The Park’s most popular exhibit includes the weave room, interactive exhibits, and video programs about the Industrial Revolution, labor, and the rebirth of Lowell. *Fees: Adults, \$6.00; Youths, 6-16 & Students \$3.00; Senior Discount; Children 5 and under free. Call for special group rates.*

Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit

Explore the history of “mill girls” and immigrants in a Boott Mills boardinghouse. This exhibit features a reproduction boardinghouse kitchen, dining room, and bedroom. The Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit, located in the Mogan Cultural Center, tells the human story of the Industrial Revolution by focusing on the lives of Lowell’s working people. *Free.*

“The River Transformed” Exhibit

Historic Wannalancit Mills features original 19th century turbines and water raceways that are still visible to the public. Learn how industrialists and engineers viewed and harnessed the power of the Merrimack River to drive Lowell’s textile mills. Explore the history of the watershed, the human uses of the river system, and the impacts of industrialization on the river. *Site is open by tour only.*

Trolley Rides

Ride on a replica 1900’s trolley from site to site during your visit. The trolley provides transportation to the Visitor Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit, “River Transformed” Exhibit at the Wannalancit Mills, and other attractions in Lowell. *The trolley runs daily March through November. Schedules available at Visitor Center, Boott Mill, Trolley Stops. Free.*

Moody Street Feeder Gatehouse

Join a volunteer at the historic 1848 Moody Street Feeder Gatehouse for a glimpse of the historic gates and their unique function in managing the canal system of Lowell. Staffed seasonally by “Adopt-A-Gatehouse” park volunteers. *Free.*

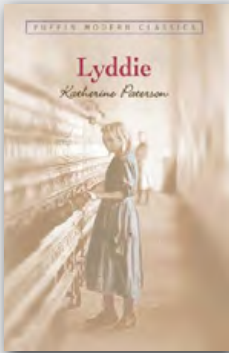
Mogan Cultural Center

The Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center is a program of Lowell National Historical Park in partnership with University of Massachusetts Lowell. The building features a library, archive, and a series of temporary community exhibits throughout the year. *40 French Street. Free.*

Park Bookstores

Own a Piece of History

Would you like to take home an authentic piece of Boott Mill cloth? Interested in picking up a book about Lowell? How about sending postcards to family and friends?



All of these items and more are available at Lowell’s two park bookstores. The proceeds from bookstore sales directly support preservation and educational programming at Lowell National Historical Park. Bookstores are located at the Visitor Center (246 Market Street) and at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John Street).

National Park Passport Stamps

The Passport Stamp program is one of the most popular activities in the national parks. The Passport book is perfect for planning a trip to visit our national parks and for saving your memories after you’ve left. If you don’t already own a Passport book, you can purchase one at any of the Park’s bookstores.



Collect all seven of the stamps available at Lowell NHP. Ask a ranger for details and locations.

Volunteer For Your National Parks

Are you fascinated by the music at the Lowell Folk Festival® and the Lowell Summer Music Series and would like to help? Do you want to improve the community by working with park rangers to clean up the canal system? Would you like to staff a historic building and speak with visitors? Consider becoming a volunteer at Lowell National Historical Park.



There are numerous opportunities for volunteers in administrative, development, creative, and educational capacities. We have volunteer positions available to satisfy a diverse array of skills and experience.



How to Volunteer

- Call the Volunteer Office at (978)275-1740
- Send e-mail to Lowell_NHP_Volunteers@nps.gov
- Visit our website at <http://www.nps.gov/lowe/>

Lowell Events



Riverfest

June 13-14

Programs include trolley rides, boat tours, museum exhibits, and walking tours. Reservations required for all boat/canal tours.

Special events include: “Toe-Tapping Music,” banjo and fiddle music performance on the banks of the Concord River and a stone-skipping contest (At Muldoon Park, 10am-2pm June 13th). Locks to Locks Environment/Water Quality Canal Tour (Starts at Visitor Center, 2pm June 13th, Reservations Required). Ranger Guided Walk along the Merrimack Riverwalk (Starts at Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 3pm, June 13th)

More Information & Reservations: Call (978) 970-5000.

African Festival

Saturday, June 20, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Sampas Pavilion, Pawtucket Boulevard

Join your neighbors for a great day of music, food , and crafts representing Africa. More information: www.africanfestivallowell.org.

Summer Day Camp

July - August

Boys and girls, ages 8 - 14, discover the roots of the American Industrial Revolution and explore the connections between science and history through water! Includes hands - on workshops, visits to historic sites, crafts, games, a trolley ride, and a boat trip on the Merrimack River. Each camp runs for one week, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July and August. Space is limited. Preregistration is required. More information: (978)970-5080 www.uml.edu/tsongas/campers/htm

Lowell Quilt Festival

August 5 - 9

The Lowell Quilt Festival held annually for the benefit of the New England Quilt Museum, features the juried *Images* quilt show, with cash prizes in several categories, an exhibit of antique quilts, classes and lectures by nationally acclaimed teachers, auctions of quilts and quilt-related items, quilt appraisals, and vendors of quilting supplies from New England and beyond. More information: www.lowellquiltfestival.org.

Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival

August 15

The 12th annual Lowell Southeast Asian Water Festival, along the Merrimack River at the Lowell Heritage State Park Vandenberg Esplanade and Sampas Pavilion, celebrates the cultural and environmental importance of water to the lives of Cambodians, Laotians, and other nationalities who have moved to Lowell. Many of the events, including the exciting boat races, music, dance, and food, mirror the traditional festival events that take place in their homeland.

More information: www.lowellwaterfestival.org.

National Public Lands Day

September 26

Join Lowell National Historical Park Saturday, September 26, 2009 for the 16th annual National Public Lands Day and help us care for our land. Last year 110,000 volunteers worked in 1,300 locations and in every state. All park exhibit sites will be fee -free to celebrate our national parks, museums, and public lands. Regular canal tour fees apply.

More information: www.publiclandsday.org

23RD ANNUAL LOWELL FOLK FESTIVAL

Friday, July 24th - Sunday, July 26th, 2009

Join the over 2 million people who have attended the Lowell Folk Festival over the last two decades. The largest free folk festival in the country returns to Lowell for the 23rd year in 2009.



In 2009, the 23rd Festival’s lineup includes traditional musicians from genres as diverse as jazz, klezmer, a cappella gospel, and zydeco. Artisans from “Keepers of Tradition: Folk Art & Heritage in Massachusetts,” will conduct craft demonstrations and create items such as Puerto Rican dolls, Japanese Buddhist sculptures, and Nantucket baskets. Lowell area community organization volunteers will serve delicious ethnic foods at more than a dozen booths around the festival.

A family friendly event, the Lowell Folk Festival has presented an international array of folk music, ethnic foods, craftspeople and artisans, as well as kid’s activities to enthusiastic New England audiences every summer for over 20 years.

Admission is free. At outdoor stages throughout downtown Lowell.

More Information, Schedules, Artist Lineup:
www.lowellfolkfestival.org or call 978-970-5200

30th Annual Banjo and Fiddle Contest

September 12, Noon

Come to Boarding House Park and celebrate three decades of traditional music at Lowell’s longest running public event. Hear 100 contestants competing in 8 categories of styles. This great, free day of food, fun and music will leave a smile on your face and your feet tapping. More information: Call Ranger Alex Demas, (978) 970-5028.

Lowell Celebrates Kerouac

October (Date TBD)

Join Lowell National Historical Park and Lowell Celebrates Kerouac! in celebrating the life and works of Jack Kerouac. Special tours and events will include walking tours to the places Kerouac wrote about while growing up in Lowell in the 1930’s. More information: (978) 970-5200

Lowell Arts Festival

September 26-27

Meet with writers, painters, photographers, dancers, actors and musicians. Fine arts and crafts, art workshops, and specialty foods will welcome you along the way. More information: www.cultureiscool.org

Massachusetts Poetry Festival

October 15-17

Meet with local and regional poets - Many of national significance - And discover the literary heritage of the Commonwealth, with poetry readings, panel talks, and performance. www.masspoetry.org



Canal Boat Tours

Explore the historic resources of the Pawtucket Canal, Francis Gate & Guard Locks complex, Swamp Locks, Lower Locks, and the Merrimack River via a ranger led tour using park trolleys and boats. Some walking is required – wear comfortable shoes. Tours take place rain or shine – dress accordingly.

Locks to Locks Tour

Explore Lowell’s early transportation history while traveling by canal boat on the historic Pawtucket Canal from Lower Locks, through Swamp Locks to Guard Locks. Tour visits renowned “Francis Gate.” One-hour 45 minutes. *Tour does not travel to River.

Run of the Mill Tour

Explore the role of water in shaping Lowell’s history while traveling by canal boat up the Pawtucket Canal to Francis Gate. Also visits “The River Transformed” Exhibit at the Wannalancit Mills to investigate how water was harnessed for power. 2 hour tour.

Concord to the Merrimack Tour

Journey by canal boat along the entire length of the historic Pawtucket Canal. Travel from Lower Locks at the Concord River through Swamp Locks and Guard Locks to the Merrimack River. 2 hour tour.

Pawtucket to the River Tour

Travel by foot, trolley and boat along the Pawtucket Canal through Guard Locks to the Merrimack River. Discover how the demand for waterpower forever changed the river and the city of Lowell. 90 minute tour.

Evening Cruise

Pack up a brown bag supper, join a National Park Service captain and park ranger for a relaxing evening cruise on the Merrimack River. Explore the Pawtucket Canal, the mill pond and the upstream section of the river. Dine on the boat, check for wildlife, learn about early uses of the river, and take in the sights and sounds of this remarkable resource. No alcoholic beverages please. 2 hour tour.

The “Full Works” Tour

Explore the role of water in shaping Lowell’s history by boat, trolley and foot. Starting at Lower Locks, this tour goes through Swamp Locks and Guard Locks on the Pawtucket Canal traveling to the Merrimack River. Tour also visits Francis Gatehouse, Pawtucket Gatehouse, and “The River Transformed” Exhibit at the Wannalancit Mills to investigate how water was harnessed for power. 3 hour tour.

Tour Fees

Prices range from \$10 - \$6 per person, depending on tour. Children 5 and under free. See opposite page for details.

Reservations are required for all canal boat tours. Canal tour schedules and itineraries may be modified at any time depending on water levels. All boat tour reservations must be ticketed and paid for no later than thirty minutes before the start of the tour. Unclaimed reservations will be released and sold to waiting visitors. Tours will be reduced or unavailable during the Lowell Folk Festival, July 24-26 due to staffing levels.

Trolley Tours

Views of Lowell Trolley Tour

Join a park ranger and learn about the downtown locks and canal structures; explore the relationship of the river to the power and production of the industrial city; or learn about the lives of Lowell’s famous “mill girls.” Tour travels primarily by trolley although there may be some walking. Monday - Friday in the Spring and Fall (60 minutes) and daily in Summer (40 minutes). *Free.*

Special Tours and Programs

Unique Park Experiences

Park rangers offer a variety of special public tours and programs throughout the summer season. These programs range from historic/natural walking tours, to evening education programs, to guided activities.

Inquire at the Visitor Center, the Boott Cotton Mill Museum, or call (978) 970-5000 for special program schedules and information.



Exhibit and Tour Schedule



| May 23–June 19 | June 20–26 | June 27– Aug 23 | Aug 24–Sept 7 | Sept 8–Oct 12 |
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| Exhibit Hours VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM Daily | VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM Daily | VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Daily 9:00 AM – 6:30 PM Thur BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:00 – 5:00 PM Daily | VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:00 – 5:00 PM Daily | VISITOR CENTER 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Daily BOOTT COTTON MILLS MUSEUM 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM Daily MILL GIRLS & IMMIGRANTS EXHIBIT 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM Daily |
| Guided Tours Views of Lowell Trolley Tour Monday - Friday: 2:30 PM (60-75 mins) | | Views of Lowell Trolley Tour Daily: 10:30 AM (40 mins) | | Views of Lowell Trolley Tour Monday - Friday: 2:30 PM (60-75 mins) |
| Locks to Locks Boat Tour Sat, Sun, & Memorial Day, 11 AM, 12:15, 2, & 3:15 PM (1hr 45 mins) | | Harnessing the Merrimack Boat Tour Daily: 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM (2 hrs) | | |
| | Pawtucket to the River Boat Tour Daily: 10:30 AM & 3:15 PM (1 hr 30 mins) | Pawtucket to the River Boat Tour Daily: 11:15 AM (1 hr 30 minutes) | Pawtucket to the River Boat Tour Daily: 10:30 AM & 3:15 PM (1 hr 30 minutes) | Pawtucket to the River Boat Tour Sat., Sun., & Columbus Day, 10:30 AM & 3:15 PM (1 hr 30 minutes) |
| | | Run of the Mill Boat Tour Daily: 12:00 & 3:00 PM (2 hours) | | |
| | Concord to the Merrimack Boat Tour Daily: 11:30 & 1:30 PM (2 hours) | Concord to the Merrimack Boat Tour Daily: 12:30 & 2:30 PM (2 hours) | Concord to the Merrimack Boat Tour Daily: 11:30 & 1:30 PM (2 hours) | Concord to the Merrimack Boat Tour Sat,Sun. & Columbus Day 11:30AM & 1:30PM (2 hours) |
| | | The “Full Works” Tour Sun, July 12 & 19, 2:30 PM Sun, August 9 & 16, 2:30 PM (3 hours) | | |
| | | Evening River Cruise Thursday, July 9, 6:00 PM Thursday, July 16, 6:00 PM Thursday, July 30, 6:00 PM Thursday, August 6, 6:00 PM Thursday, August 13, 6:00 PM Thursday, August 20, 6:00 PM (2 hours) | | |

Tour and Museum Fees

Locks to Locks, Run of the Mill, Harnessing the Merrimack, Concord to the Merrimack, Pawtucket to the River, Evening Cruise

- Adults: \$8.00; Seniors: \$7.00 (Ages 62+);
- Youths: \$6.00 (Ages 6 -16);
- Children: Free (Ages 5 and under).

The “Full Works” Tour

- Adults: \$10.00; Seniors: \$9.00 (Ages 62+);
- Youths: \$8.00 (Ages 6 -16);
- Children: Free (Ages 5 and under).

Boott Cotton Mills Museum

- Adults: \$6.00; Seniors: \$4.00 (Ages 62+);
- Youths and Students: \$3.00 (Ages 6 -16);
- Children: Free (Ages 5 and under);
- Special Group Rates Available. Discounts for National Park Pass holders.

Buy a “Park Package”

Combine a canal tour with a visit to the Boott Cotton Mills Museum and receive a discount. Call (978) 970-5000 to request special group rates.

Children’s Activities



Children’s Concerts at Boarding House Park

July-August ,Wednesdays, Thursdays at 11am

The Lowell Summer Music Series offers free concerts for children throughout the summer. Local and regional artists bring fun and excitement to the outdoor stage at Boarding House Park. Concerts feature music, magic, juggling, and/or dancing. An enjoyable event for children and adults of all ages. *Free.*

Children’s Corner

Visit our Children’s Corner in the Park’s Visitor Center. Participate in hands-on activities to explore Lowell’s technology through gears and pulleys, read a book together to learn about immigration, machinery, and much more. *Free.*

Trolley Rides

Ride on a replica 1900’s trolley from site to site during your visit. The trolley provides transportation to the Visitor Center, Boott Cotton Mills Museum, the “River Trans-formed” Exhibit, and the Mill Girls & Immigrants Exhibit. *Trolley runs daily March through November. Schedules available at Visitor Center, Boott Mill, Trolley Stops. Free.*

Boott Discovery Trail

Discover the story of Lowell’s mills, their machinery, and their workers on the Boott Discovery Trail during your visit to the Boott Cotton Mills Museum. Children of all ages pick up their work aprons and time cards at the museum entrance and explore how cotton cloth was made from raw cotton to finished cloth through hands - on activities.

Available during regular museum hours. Free with ticket to Boott Cotton Mills Museum.

Become a Junior Ranger

Pick up a Junior Ranger Activity Guide at the Visitor Center or the Boott Cotton Mills Museum. Explore the Park, complete the activities in the booklet and turn it in to a ranger to become a Junior Ranger—including official badge and certificate. Answers to the activities can be found throughout the Park. *Free.*



Become a WebRanger

What is a WebRanger?
A WebRanger is: a care-taker, an adventurer, a learner, a seeker, a discoverer. A WebRanger could be...you! You can become a member of a growing group of young people who are interested in the world around them and involved with their nation’s heritage. WebRangers spread their knowledge of national parks to their friends, families, and schoolmates. Build your own ranger station, complete activities, and have fun!



Start your journey online: www.webrangers.us

Lowell Summer Music Series

June 27 - September 18

Lowell National Historical Park and the Lowell Festival Foundation present the 20th Season of the Lowell Summer Music Series at Boarding House Park (corner of French & John Streets in downtown Lowell). The Lowell Summer Music Series features over 20 concert events including the free 30th Annual Banjo & Fiddle Contests. All show times are 7:30PM except the Banjo & Fiddle Contests, which starts at noon. All shows are affordable for the whole family, children 12 and under are admitted free.

In the event of rain, most performances move to the Lowell High School auditorium, across the street from Boarding House Park. A few will be relocated to the Lowell Memorial Auditorium at 50 East Merrimack Street, just three blocks from the Park. See our website for details. Event parking is available at the John Street Garage.

More information:
Call (978) 970-5200 or visit www.lowellsummermusic.org

Purchase Tickets:
Tickets are available to purchase (with no surcharge) at the park Visitor Center and Boott Cotton Mills Museum Stores. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.lowellsummermusic.org

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|  LOS LOBOS SAT, JUNE 27 |  LOS LONELY BOYS FRI, JULY 10 |  ANI DIFRANCO SAT, JULY 11 |  MICHAEL FRANTI & SPEARHEAD FRI, JULY 17 |  AIMEE MANN SAT, JULY 18 |
|  JOAN BAEZ THU, JULY 30 |  BLUES TRAVELER FRI, JULY 31 |  MELISSA FERRICK SAT, AUG 1 |  DAR WILLIAMS FRI, AUG 7 |  DEREK TRUCKS BAND SAT, AUG 8 |
|  WALLFLOWERS WITH JAKOB DYLAN FRI, AUG 14* |  ENTRAIN SAT, AUG 15 |  EILEEN IVERS FRI, AUG 21 |  LIVINGSTON TAYLOR SAT, AUG 22 |  TERRANCE SIMIEN & THE ZYDECO EXPERIENCE FRI, AUG 28 |
|  RONNIE EARL & BROADCASTERS SAT, AUG 29 |  HOT TUNA ELECTRIC FRI, SEPT 4 |  TOM RUSH SAT, SEPT 5 |  30th ANNUAL BANJO & FIDDLE CONTESTS SAT, SEPT 12 |  GAELIC STORM FRI, SEPT 18 |

Park News and Highlights



Youth Programs Enhance Community and Park

Innovative youth programs at Lowell National Historical Park (NHP) provide opportunities for leadership development and employment opportunities, while promoting civic engagement between national parks, urban youths and the community of Lowell.

The Spindle City Corps, a park partnership program with Community Teamwork, Inc. focuses on three guiding principles – service, diversity, and education. Members are 15-18 years old and are socioeconomically, culturally, and educationally diverse. Team members complete backlogged park maintenance projects, provide activities at cultural events such as the Lowell Folk Festival and the Lowell Summer Music Series and bring historic characters to life through costumed interpretive programming.

Year-round Spindle City Corps members participate in leadership development activities and assist Park staff with organizing and staffing special events such as Monster Bash, the City of Lights Parade and Winterfest.

Youth in the River Ambassador Program (RAP) learn about the environment, educate others, and build relationships within the community to increase recognition of teens as role models. RAP members, who are predominantly Southeast Asian, are currently telling the stories of new and under served audiences to connect citizens with their national parks.

Each summer youths are hired as Park Aides, a position geared to develop the professional skills of high school students and introduce them to careers in the National Park Service (NPS). Participating youth are immersed in the NPS culture, including wearing the official ranger uniform.

Offering the NPS as an early potential career option for urban and minority youth is essential for creating diversity in the NPS. Today's youth will ultimately become the stewards of our national heritage in the 21st century.

- Amy Glowacki, Park Ranger

The Art Ship Enterprise

This bright red 1974 bus, dubbed the “Art Ship Enterprise,” has visited hundreds of Lowell residents, igniting people’s creativity and imagination for the last six years. The Art Ship Enterprise’s mission is to connect and inspire communities through a traveling art exhibition. This year the Art Ship Enterprise will be working with staff and volunteers of Lowell NHP to promote culture, history, and art around the Park and throughout Lowell.



Park Now Powered By the Sun



The Boott Cotton Mills continues its long history of power production with the recent installation of a new solar panel array. These solar panels supply direct current power for interior lighting. The existing Boott solar array has a peak power of 12,000 kw equivalent to simultaneously powering 120 one-hundred watt light bulbs. Lowell NHP has received funding to install additional solar arrays and wind turbines in the near future.

Historic Lowell Collection Catalogued

The museum program at Lowell National Historical Park preserves photos, documents, drawings, and objects that tell the story of the growth and decline of Lowell’s textile industry. A significant part of the Park’s museum collection is made up of materials that trace the operations of the Proprietors of Locks and Canals on Merrimack River (PL&C). The operations of the PL&C were central to the creation, growth and success of Lowell’s textile factories. The collection also tells the story of one of America’s oldest corporations.

An important milestone was reached in 2008 when the last of the PL&C materials were cataloged into the Park’s permanent collection. All of the documents, plans, and photos in the PL&C collection are now organized and fully accessible to staff, researchers and the public.

Park Pursues Greener Operations

- Completed comprehensive lighting audit at Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Visitor Center, Mogan Cultural Center, Maintenance Shop.
- Purchased outdoor decking composed of 100% reclaimed material for installation at Mack Plaza.
- Increased recycling capacity for special events. Improved tracking of park solid waste and recycled quantities.
- Provided training opportunities on the procurement of green office and building materials.
- Use 100% green building products by the end of 2009. Exploring conversion to biodegradable hydraulic oil.
- Replace park vehicles with hybrid or high fuel efficiency equivalents. Retire older vehicles.
- Reduce parkwide consumption of electric and gas by 5%. Decrease paper use by 10%.
- Pursue grants for installation of additional solar panels and purchasing of renewable power.



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